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Remarks

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful study of the pending application and claims.

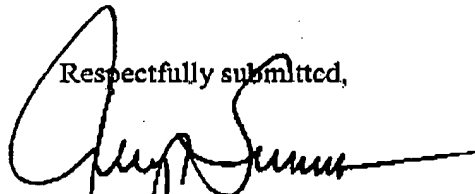
In this non-final Office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,932,075 to Strauss, *et al.* The Examiner also rejected Claims 2-10, 12-15, and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Strauss, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,561,012 to Sadler.

Furthermore, the Examiner objected to Claims 11 and 16 as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants cancel Claims 1-8, 10-15, and 17-21. Claim 9 is rewritten to include the limitations of Claims 10 and 11. Claim 16 is rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of amended Claim 9 and Claims 12-15.

Based on the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 9 and 16 are in condition for immediate allowance and the same is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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